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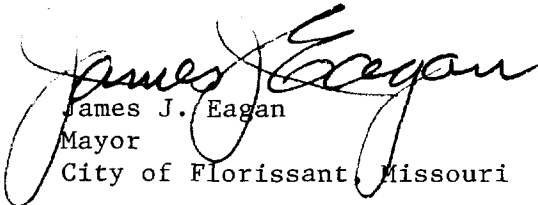
RE: Ex Parte Presentation in MM docket No. 92-266

Dear Ms. Searcy,

In accordance with the Commission's ex parte rule, 47 C.F.R. 1.1206, this letter is being filed in Docket No. 92-266 as notification that I have written a letter to Commissioner Barrett, Commissioner Duggan and acting Chairman Quello as an ex parte presentation expressing concerns and views of the **City of Florissant, Missouri.**

Enclosed are two copies of the letter to the Commissioners for inclusion in the public record of Docket No. 92-266

Respectfully submitted,


James J. Eagan
Mayor
City of Florissant, Missouri

Encl: letter to acting Chairman Quello and Commissioners Barrett and Duggan

CC: Hon. James H. Quello
Hon. Ervin S. Duggan
Hon. Andrew C. Barrett

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RE: Ex Parte Presentation in MM Docket No. 92-266
CABLE RATE REGULATION

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Dear Chairman Quello, Commissioner Barrett and Commissioner Duggan,

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The City of Florissant, Missouri awarded its cable franchise in 1981 and currently has over 22,000 subscribers and a penetration rate of over 50%. Since the passage of the Cable Act of 1984 Cable rates in Florissant increased by over 144%. Florissant cable subscribers currently pay \$25.70 for full basic service. The City of Florissant's cable service is provided by Cencom Entertainment, Inc. a subsidiary of Crown Media. Cencom has been providing cable service to Florissant since 1985 and has implemented rate increases in basic cable service **every one of those years** to date.

Cencom has re-tiered its basic service since the passage of the Cable Consumer Protection Act. The Florissant City Council believes these rate increases are excessive and unjustified.

The City of Florissant, Missouri supports the suggestions and concerns raised by the National League of Cities, the National Association of Telecommunications Officers & Advisors, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National Association of Counties ("Local Governments") in their Comments and Reply Comments filed in this docket.


We specifically ask the Commission to support a simple certification process for rate regulation **at the local level.**

We urge the Commission to adopt realistic "cost per channel" benchmarks based on rates in those areas where there is **true head to head competition** between multi-channel video programming distributors. We support a benchmark rate

of 3/4 cents per channel proposed by "Local Governments"

In accordance with the Commission's rules regarding written ex parte presentations, two copies of this letter are being filed with the Commission's Secretary, as required under 47 C.F.R Section 1.1206. I have enclosed a copy of this notification letter for your files.

Respectfully submitted,


James J. Eagan
Mayor
City of Florissant, Missouri